



EVACUATION ORDER & EVACUATION ALERT CHANGE



CUTOFF CREEK WILDFIRE #G41269

EVACUATION ORDER ISSUED

August 13, 2021 at 2100 hours

An Evacuation Order has been issued by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Saik'uz First Nation and BC Parks effective August 13, 2021, at 2100 hours due to a wildfire.

Because of the **danger to life and health** the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Saik'uz First Nation, and BC Parks has issued an Evacuation Order for the Cutoff Creek Wildfire area from:

44 kilometers on the Kluskus Forest Service Road, east to the west end of Frank Lake, south to the south end of Hay Lake, east to 11 km on the Red Road, then back north to 44 km on the Kluskus Forest Service Road including a portion of Finger-Tatuk Park, as shown on the attached map.

YOU MUST LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AND REGISTER AT THE RECEPTION CENTRE
Persons who disregard this Evacuation Order and remain in the Evacuation Order area do so at their own risk. The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako and Saik'uz First Nation may be unable to assist anyone who remains in the Evacuation Order area.

- If you need transportation assistance from the area please advise the individual providing this notice or call the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako at 250-692-3195 or 1-800-320-3339.
- Close all windows and doors.
- Shut off all gas and electrical appliances, other than refrigerators and freezers.
- Close gates (latch) but do not lock.
- Gather your family: take a neighbour or someone who needs help.
- Take critical items (medicine, purse, wallet, and keys) only if they are immediately available. Take pets in pet kennels or on a leash.
- Do not use more vehicles than you must.
- If you require assistance for livestock, please call the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako at 250-692-3195 or 1-800-320-3339.
- If Saik'uz First Nation members require assistance, please contact them at **250-570-1295**.

Evacuees:

- Register at the Reception Centre at the Vanderhoof Fire Hall, 2230 Nechako Avenue, Vanderhoof, BC or call the Emergency Support Services Director at 250-570-8039.
- Emergency Support Services can provide assistance for food, accommodation, hotel or staying with friends and family, clothing, emotional support and family reunification.

Gerry Thiessen
Chair, RDBN

Priscilla Mueller
Chief, Saik'uz First Nation



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The **Evacuation Alert** issued August 13, 2021 at 1400 has been changed by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Saik'uz First Nation, and BC Parks effective **August 13, 2021 at 2100 hours**.

Because of the potential **danger to life and health**, the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako, Saik'uz First Nation, and BC Parks has issued an Amended Evacuation Alert for the following areas:

From approximately 60 km south along the Kenney Dam Road to 500 Road, then approximately 15 kilometers south-east to Red Road. Next, it heads north-east to the junction of Domtar and Kluskus FSR, as shown on the attached map.

An **Amended Evacuation Alert** has been issued to prepare you to evacuate your premises or property should it be found necessary. Residents will be given as much advance notice as possible prior to evacuation; however, you may receive limited notice due to changing conditions.

DURING AN EVACUATION ALERT BE PREPARED FOR AN EVACUATION ORDER:

- locate all family members or co-workers and plan to meet outside the evacuation area, should an evacuation be called while separated;
- gather essential items such as medications, eyeglasses, valuable papers (i.e. insurance), immediate care needs for dependents and, if you choose, keepsakes (photographs, etc). Have these items readily available for quick departure;
- prepare to move any persons with mobility challenges and/or children.
- moving pets and livestock to a safe area, if you require assistance please call the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako;
- arranging to transport your household members or co-workers in the event of an evacuation order. If you are asked to evacuate and need transportation assistance from the area please call the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako;
- arrange accommodation for your family if possible.

An **Evacuation Order** is in place for the adjacent area and a Reception Centre has been opened at the Vanderhoof Fire Hall at 2230 Nechako Avenue, Vanderhoof, BC.

Monitor your local radio station and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako website, www.rdbn.bc.ca for information on this Evacuation Alert and/or any changes to the situation.

For media inquiry, please contact:

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako – Chair Gerry Thiessen: Phone 250-567-0567

Saik'uz First Nation – Chief Priscilla Mueller and Sasha Striegler Lannone: **250-567-0496**

For public inquiry, please contact:

RDBN at www.rdbn.bc.ca or call 250-692-3195 or 1-800-320-3339



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